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WITNESS CORROBORATES BRUNEN GIRL'S STORY

TESTIMONY OF BRUNEN GIRL AND SLAYER ON DEATH CALL AND TRAINS CORROBORATED

Telephone and Railroad Employees Make Vital Points for Prosecution.

MRS. MOHR SEARCHED.

Victim's Daughter Sticks to Story Under Severe Cross-Examination.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

MOORE HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 14.—Two items of testimony which the prosecution in the Brunen murder trial considered of vital importance to its case were adduced early this afternoon.

Hazel Brunen, young daughter of the murdered showman, testified yesterday that at 8:50 o'clock on the night her father was shot she telephoned to the Philadelphia residence of Mattie Mohr, wife of Harry C. Mohr, to give news of the tragedy. Mohr, she said, answered the telephone.

This testimony about the call was corroborated this afternoon by the district manager of the Bell Telephone Company. After being ordered to do so by Justice Kalkbrenner, he produced as the record of calls from the Brunen home on March 9, 10 and 11, the March 10, the day Brunen was killed, a call had been made at 8:51 P. M. for 5020 Poplar.

The telephone is in the name of Mattie Mohr. Hazel Brunen had stated that on the day of the crime Mattie Mohr was at the Brunen home in Riverside and that Mrs. Brunen said to her, "I can't be surprised to get a telephone call saying John has been killed" and it was the message about his murder that the daughter said she gave over the wire that night. Mohr answering call.

The other testimony adduced in an important way was that of Raymond Johnson, Pennsylvania Railroad block operator at Riverside, Charles Powell, the confessed assassin of Brunen, and Mohr had told him Brunen could best be shot while a train was coming to or going out of the Riverside station, and that there were no trains at that time. Johnson testified that on March 10, a train left the station at 7:23, the latter being five minutes late. Powell said in his confession and on the stand that he had for one train go by and timed his shot to be at that time. So far as the computer, John Brunen was ambushed at 7:24 o'clock.

Although there had been some talk of the possibility of excluding Mattie Mohr from the trial on account of her only first testimony yesterday afternoon, she was admitted to resume her old position at the first level of the prosecution.

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SECOND OPERATION CUTS AN INCH OFF TILDEN'S FINGER

Tennis Champion Highly Encouraged—Plans Many Games Next Year.

Special to The Evening World.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—William T. Tilden, 30, national tennis champion, has undergone another operation on his injured finger, which was virtually removed in the first operation. The operation was performed yesterday, more than an inch of bone being removed.

"I am highly encouraged," he said today. "I suffered no pain last night and I now believe my finger will begin to heal. A small amount of the bone remains above the second joint and the surgeon says there is a good chance there will be movement in the joint. It isn't much but it ought to help a little when I start to play again."

So encouraged does the champion feel that he is already planning a trip West next summer.

"I will leave the last week in January," explained Tilden, "and spend about six weeks with the Pacific Northwest and my destination. Such a winter will be a new one and we will probably start playing in Chicago."

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WATCHMAN IS BLAMED

Dead and Injured Literally Cooked as Severe Pipe Penetrates Coach.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 14.—Railroad investigators today placed the toll of last night's Southern Pacific wreck at Humble, 17 miles from here, at 14, of whom four were white men. Three of the dead white men have been identified as W. A. Baber, of Lufkin, Texas; William Campbell, conductor, and M. Clark, news dealer, both of Houston.

Of the injured, 17 were still receiving medical attention at hospitals here. The majority are negroes. All were victims of scalding by escaping steam.

The wreck occurred when passenger train No. 26, bound for Shreveport, struck a switch engine that had "drifted" 399 feet down a cross track and out onto the main line. Comparatively little property damage was done, but the escaping steam filled the front coach of the passenger train and took a terrible toll.

The fourteen were killed when a two-inch steam pipe, torn loose from the cylinder head of the switch engine, swept around and crashed through a window of a car of the passenger train occupied by negroes, flames forming it into a cauldron.

228,000 PUPILS BEHIND IN CLASSES CLOG CITY SCHOOLS

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'DEFECTS' SOMEWHERE.

31.2 Per Cent. Below Normal Grades, Says Bureau in Amazing Report.

Over 228,000 children, clogging the public school machinery of this city because of their failure to achieve promotion, are deficient—nearly an equal number of pupils of their right to a full school day.

Of 800 pupils tested in twenty-two schools, all of whom are from two to four years behind the normal time for graduation, 55 per cent. have been found to be mentally under age; only 29 per cent. are "normal" and 16 per cent. are what is termed "over age" mentally.

The foregoing and other startling facts gathered by the Bureau of Reference, Research and Statistics of the Board of Education are contained in a report made to Supt. Edmister which has not yet been made public.

The report goes on to show that there are very serious defects somewhere which are responsible for the unusually poor results attained in spelling, arithmetic and penmanship. It also indicates that 31.2 per cent. of the pupils in the elementary schools are below their normal grades and that this year 228,394 out of 719,638 in the regular grades, or 48 per cent. of the pupils in the public elementary schools, had made "below progress," or, in other words, had failed to win a promotion to the grade to which their age and length of time at school entitled them.

Out of 29,000 children in the highest grammar grade, 83, or 28.6 per cent. of the pupils in the public elementary schools, had made "below progress," or, in other words, had failed to win a promotion to the grade to which their age and length of time at school entitled them.

Out of over 700,000 pupils in the regular grades in the elementary schools, 54 per cent. were under age, 43 per cent. were "normal" age and 31 per cent. were "over age."

Approximately only 14 per cent. of the total number of school children in the elementary grades graduated within eight years, or within the fifteen regular terms. The remainder "clog behind" from one to three or more years.

Attempt to Poison W. C. Bridgeman, British Home Secretary, by Gift of Chocolates Sent Through Mail

Arsenic Found in Candy by Police, Who Believe It Was Act of Same Person Who Poisoned Scotland Yard Chief.

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Associated Press).—An attempt has been made to assassinate Home Secretary W. C. Bridgeman by means of poisoned chocolates sent through the mail. The candy arrived at the Home Office yesterday. The police found the candy contained arsenic.

It is understood the police attribute the act to the same person who recently poisoned Sir William Horwood, head of Scotland Yard, in the same manner.

Investigations, it was said to-day, have led the police to the conclusion that the work was probably that of an unbalanced woman who has some real or fancied grievance against Scotland Yard and the Home Office.

All the other Ministers of the Government have been warned to be on guard against similar attempts.

The candy box bore the postmark of Batham, a London suburb, where it is now learned the Horwood package also was posted. The Scotland Yard investigators who had almost succeeded in tracing the origin of the Horwood chocolates, are now practically certain that the new attempt will lead to an arrest.

It was said to-day the Scotland Yard people had found the shop in which the Bridgeman chocolates were purchased.

The attempt on Mr. Bridgeman's life, coming just before Christmas, when all officials must expect to receive parcels, had caused considerable alarm among them.



EIGHT SOCIETY MEN BEFORE U. S. JURY IN BOOZE INQUIRY

Seven Are Members of Racquet and Tennis Club—All Silent on Testimony.

The Federal Grand Jury that took up the question of liquor alleged to have been served in the Racquet and Tennis Club No. 250 Park Avenue, and today to have exhibited in court, and now desire to know what society is doing with the large amount of money purchased through a sale of young society men.

The inquiry by the Grand Jury, it is said, indicates that the members of the Racquet and Tennis Club, who are now before the court, are being asked to testify as to the large amount of money purchased through a sale of young society men.

Eight members of society were before the Grand Jury today to be asked questions which they refused to answer. The Grand Jury, it is said, is now asking the members of the Racquet and Tennis Club, who are now before the court, to testify as to the large amount of money purchased through a sale of young society men.

WM. C. BLANEY, CITY COURT CLERK, DIES SUDDENLY

Former Democratic Leader Stricken While Riding in Subway Train.

William C. Blaney, former leader of the Democratic Party in New York City, died suddenly while riding in a subway train. He was 55 years old and had been in poor health for some time.

Blaney was riding in a subway train when he was stricken. He was taken to a hospital, but died before he could be operated on.

Blaney was a prominent figure in New York City politics. He had been a member of the Democratic Party for many years and had held several important positions.

HARDING TAKES HAND IN BUREAU CHANGES

Many Differences Still, but Report to Congress Is Expected Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Harding today took the first step in his plan to reorganize the executive branch of the government. He has appointed a commission to study the various departments and to report to him by the end of the year.

The commission is headed by Mr. Clegg, who has been appointed to the position of director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He will be in charge of the study of the various departments.

The report to Congress is expected soon. It will contain many differences of opinion, but it is expected that it will be a landmark document in the history of the executive branch of the government.

LEAD GEORGE IN AUTO CRASH IS NOT HELD

LONDON, Dec. 14.—George, a young man, was not held in connection with the crash of his automobile. The car was found to be in poor condition and the driver was not held responsible for the accident.

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By David Lawrence.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Copyright).—Within the next ten days moves of the greatest importance to the future of Europe will be made by the United States Government in consultation with the Allied Powers.

The details of the American program cannot be disclosed at this time, as it is desired that the first explanations of what the United States has in mind shall come through American diplomatic representatives abroad. It is therefore possible to-day only to mention the objectives rather than the mode of procedure which this Government seeks.

GERMANY VERY NEAR COMPLETE COLLAPSE BONAR LAW DECLARES

Says She Deliberately Planned Depreciation of Currency and Now Cannot Pay Reparations.

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Associated Press).—Germany is very near to complete collapse, Prime Minister Bonar Law told the House of Commons to-day. He declared that this was the only information he could give the House on the subject of reparations.

The Prime Minister said there was almost no hope of a solution of the reparations question unless Great Britain and France acted together.

The British Government, he declared, could not look with equanimity upon any action by an ally which would have the effect of reducing reparations, but of making it more difficult, if not impossible, to obtain them. This was taken as a reference to the French proposal for occupation of the Ruhr.

Mr. Bonar Law's statement was based on a number of questions submitted by Sir John Simon.

The Prime Minister said: "I think it is right that we should try to look at these questions from the point of view of France. What is their view? Germany has asked to pay a very large amount. Almost nothing has been paid."

"Since then we have had conferences, inter-conferences, and what has been the result? The result has been to show that we are not getting anywhere. The result has been to show that we are not getting anywhere."

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RAIN TO FOLLOW SNOW BEFORE NIGHTFALL, DECLARES FORECASTER

Warner Weather To-morrow Forecast—Storm General Over New York.

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